

His coaching and mentorship has produced 1,200 national and international medal winners. He accepted the position of U.S. Olympic Judo Coach in 1988 and of U.S. Paralympic Judo Coach in 1999. In the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, his team made world history and brought home two gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal. Four years later at the games in Athens, his team won two silver and one bronze medals. It is important to point out that since judo was introduced as an Olympic discipline in 1964, no team—sighted or not sighted—had ever won gold. Coach Cahill's students have won 75% of all medals in judo on the Olympics and Paralympics level.

Willy has been successful in making judo accessible to people of all ages and abilities. In 2003, he cofounded the Blind Judo Foundation. The non-profit provides blind and visually impaired athletes the chance to train and compete in judo. To advance to the Paralympic Games these athletes often have to compete with sighted competitors. In judo, the same rules apply to the Olympics and the Paralympics.

In addition, Willy has trained U.S. Army Green Berets, Navy Seals, US Secret Service, and Homeland Security. He is the judo coach at Stanford and San Francisco State Universities and of the Junior Pan American Championships and Goodwill Games.

Willy has always led by example. He is a 10th Degree Black Belt in Jujitsu, the highest rank, and an 8th Degree Black Belt in Judo. He has been inducted into the Black Belt Hall of Fame and the Black Belt Coaches Hall of Fame. He was recognized by three presidents at the White House. He received the U.S. Jujitsu President's Leadership Award and earned the title of Professor Willy Cahill from the U.S. Jujitsu Federation. None of these prestigious awards and accomplishments has tainted his humility. He will not let others call him Professor or Sensei, he simply wants to be called Coach. His 10th Degree Black Belt entitles him to a red belt, but Coach always competes in a black belt. The tenets of judo define Willy's life. He has practiced for 65 years and at age 77 still does so five to six days a week.

He has been married to his wife Ellie for 24 years. He is the proud father of two children from his first marriage, Carin Lockwood and Curtis Cahill, who have given him four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Coach Willy Cahill, an extraordinary teacher and human being who's physical and spiritual embrace has enlightened thousands. Because of Willy, the world is a better place.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,235,032,379,905.81. We've added \$6,608,155,330,992.73 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.6 trillion in debt our nation,

our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### HONORING CORPORAL IVAN A. EVANS, UNITED STATES ARMY

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2013*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Corporal Ivan A. Evans and recognize his service to our country in World War II.

This December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, it will be my great honor to present the late Corporal Evans' wife, Sarah Ann Evans, with his well-earned service medals and decorations.

At the age of 19, Evans enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort McPherson in East Point, Georgia. There, he was part of the 98th Infantry Division of the 367th Field Artillery Battalion before departing for Hawaii in July of 1945, where he trained as part of the Japan occupation forces. After Japan's surrender on September 2, 1945, Evans' infantry division helped oversee the country's transition from years of war into a democracy.

While answering the call of duty, Evans earned the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp, the Honorable Service Lapel Button, and the Marksman Badge & Rifle Bar.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to present Sarah Ann Evans with these commendations, signifying her husband's selfless sacrifice during World War II. To preserve our history and tradition of service, Corporal Evans and the soldiers who served alongside him can never be forgotten. Their stories are the ones that define "the greatest generation," where free people across the world stood up to tyranny, risking their lives for our dearest principles.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2013*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 612 and No. 613: my flight from California was delayed and I arrived after votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes," on both.

#### HAPPY TRAILS TO AMBASSADOR VLADIMIR PETROVIC OF SERBIA

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2013*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the United States, Vladimir Petrovic is not just a great Ambassador but a great person.

He is passionate about Serbia.

And he also loves the USA.

Working with the Ambassador was easy because we speak the same language.

Many people don't know that Texans and Serbs are a lot alike.

We are both independent, vocal, and opinionated.

We don't back down.

And I think that's why the Ambassador and I get along so well.

As co-chair of the Serbian Caucus along with my good friend from Missouri, Congressman EMANUEL CLEAVER, I am sad to see the Ambassador leave.

We know that with his Serbian spirit, there are only good things to come.

Happy Trails Ambassador Petrovic.

And that's just the way it is.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 3, 2013*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 150th anniversary of St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Mateo, California. Since its founding in 1863 the buildings, parishioners and pastors have changed, but the church has always been a place for comfort, solace, community and friendship for everyone.

A century and a half ago, Archbishop Alemany sent Father Denis Dempsey to San Mateo to establish the first parish in the county. A small wooden-steeple church was built on the corner of Third Avenue and A Street—today Ellsworth Avenue—on a piece of land donated by Charles B. Polhemus, an investor in the San Francisco-San Jose Railroad. Father Dempsey was the pastor for 18 years and earned the admiration and love of his parishioners. It is said that his funeral mass was attended by local officials and dignitaries from throughout the State.

Sadly, the next pastor, Father William Bowman, only had a tenure of seven months before he passed away. He was followed by Father Peter Birmingham who presided for three years until he was transferred to San Francisco. Longevity was the signature of the fourth pastor, Father Timothy Callaghan. He served St. Matthew Church for 53 years. During his tenure, a parish cemetery was established and a new church was built. The congregation was growing and the threat of a fire destroying the old wooden church led to a fire resistant brick church on Ellsworth between Second and Third Avenues. The dedicating mass was held in September of 1900. Father Callaghan was elevated to Right Reverend and witnessed continual growth of the parish.

Father Henry J. Lyne became the fifth pastor and established a parish school in 1931. Seven Sisters of the Holy Cross taught 140 students in the first year. He is credited with starting Catholic formal education in the Archdiocese of San Francisco on the peninsula. In 1947, Pope Pius XII appointed him a Domestic Prelate with the title Monsignor.

Father Edward J. Meagher, the sixth pastor, saw unprecedented growth of the Catholic population after World War II. In 1952, total enrollment from Kindergarten to the 8th grade had grown to 861. Father Meagher raised funds to build an independent parish in Shoreview which was named St. Timothy as a tribute to Monsignor Timothy Callaghan. Soon after that, the Western portion of St. Matthew